OTP 508.64743

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Arihiro Takeda

Serial No.:

09/662,236

Conf. No.:

2871

Filed:

9/14/2000

For:

LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND

THIN FILM TRANSISTOR SUBSTRATE

Art Unit:

2871

Examiner:

Dudek, James A.

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as FIRST-CLASS mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this date.

Data

Registration No. 29,367 Attorney for Applicant(s)

## RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 RECEIVED

MAR 0 1 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 20, 2004, applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-7, without traverse.

With respect to Species (1), applicants elect subspecies (b), with traverse.

With respect to Species (2), applicants elect subspecies (b), with traverse.

With respect to Species (3), applicants elect subspecies (a), with traverse.

Claims 1-7 read on subspecies (1)(b), claim 7 reads on subspecies (2)(b), and claims 1-4 read on subspecies (3)(a).

Applicants traverse the species election requirement because a search of all of the species would not place an undue burden on the examiner. The elected claims in Group I share several features in common, and a search for one species would overlap with the search of the other species. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, GREER, BURNS & CRAIN, LTD.

By Patrick G. Burns

Registration No. 29,367

February 19, 2004 300 South Wacker Drive Suite 2500 Chicago, Illinois 60606

Telephone: 312.360.0080 Facsimile: 312.360.9315 P:\DOCS\1508\64743\442807.DOC